

to the illness and greatly lamented death of Mr. Campbell during the past year, the collection of subscriptions fell into arrear, and it was found impossible to reach nearly 150 members by the usual personal call. These members have been communicated with and their subscriptions will no doubt be available in time, but the question of the moment is to provide means for liquidating the floating debt of the Society.

In recent years there has more than once been a deficiency on the work of the Society at the end of the year, but of not more than \$400.00 to \$500.00, and these amounts have been made good by a few warm friends of the Society. The deficiency this year, however, is large ; and it is felt that while it would not be fair to tax the friends who have hitherto acted so liberally, it would only be right to give every member of the Society an opportunity to subscribe.

An earnest appeal is therefore made to yourself and all good friends of the Society to come to its aid by contributing as large an amount as circumstances will permit, so that the good work of the Society may go on and the Charitable Committee be encouraged to continue their labours for the welfare of our people who may be in trouble and want.

It is also realized that to provide for future and probably increasing requirements, the roll of members should be largely augmented, and to accomplish this ought not to be a very difficult task if the present members would take the matter up with vigour. There should be no reason against the Society securing a membership of at least 1,000 in place of the 350 as at present, and it is respectfully suggested that every member should make up his mind to secure at least two additions to the roll before the quarterly meeting, on the 4th of next month. Members who have sons growing up are also solicited to follow the good custom of putting their names on the membership roll—thus enlisting the sympathies and good will of the younger generation in the welfare of the Society.

Printed forms are herewith enclosed for contributions to the fund and proposals for membership. These may be filled up and returned to the Treasurer in a stamped envelope here-